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**Subject:** RE: DRBC Update: Comment on Draft Methodology for 2020 Water Quality Assessment by March 6  
**Attachments:** RE: EPA R2 and R3 Comments on DRBC's 2018 Water Quality Report are attached; draft DRBC lettter with EPA comments on 2020 Assessment kl\_BR.docx

Greg and K.L., attached are my comments on the draft DRBC assessment methods letter.

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Bill,  
Could you please call John Y. to get his official responses regarding the bioassessment methodology? I think that you signed the letter for Evelyn back in 2018 and I did not get his official and detailed responses directly. Thanks.

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KL, I do not have DRBC's 2018 response. Can you please send it to me so I can review the draft letter?

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Bill,  
I think you do have it but in case you don't have. I believed that DRBC has responded to your bioassessment methodology comment in brief as below:

*As mentioned above, we have issued a contract to the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University to provide professional services, including a Task Order to review and make recommendations on our current biological monitoring program. In addition, we are in the process of developing wide-ranging revisions to our current assessment methodology for use in our 2020 assessment. We expect to coordinate extensively with EPA, our Basin States, and WQAC stakeholders as we upgrade and modernize our assessment approach.*

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KL, do you have a copy of DRBC's reply to our 2018 assessment methods comments? I want to review their responses to see if anything needs to be edited.

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**Importance:** High

Greg and Bill,

Attached please find my draft letter for DRBC 2020 Assessment Draft Methodology as we discussed. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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KL, attached is the last Word version of the 2018 letter that I have saved. You were the lead for the 2018 letter and may have a more recent copy. I am on travel today and my bioassessment comment is below.

## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Bill,  
Could you please provide the letter with your comments in the Microsoft Word version by COB today? Thanks.

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Greg and KL,  
DRBC released their 2020 assessment methods for public comment. [https://www.nj.gov/drbc/home/newsbytes/approved/20200206\\_wq-assess-method.html](https://www.nj.gov/drbc/home/newsbytes/approved/20200206_wq-assess-method.html)

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Good Afternoon,

The DRBC is currently soliciting comments on its draft methodology proposed to be used in the 2020 Delaware River and Bay Water Quality Assessment Report. Comments are due by 5 p.m., Friday, March 6, 2020.

[Click here to view the draft methodology and instructions for comment.](#)

Please contact [John Yagecic](#), (609) 477-7271, with any questions.

Thank you and regards,  
Kate Schmidt

*If you would like to remove yourself from this list, you may do so at*  
<http://www.nj.gov/drbc/contact/interest/>.

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